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Baildon Urban District Council.



THE

Annual Report

OF THE

Medical Officer of Health

FOR THE

Baildon Urban District Council,

BY

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ANNUAL REPORT

ON THE HEALTH OF THE

Baildon Urban Sanitary District

For the Year 1923.



*To the Chairman and Members of the Baildon
Urban District Council.*

GENTLEMEN,

I have pleasure in presenting my Eighth Annual Report for the year 1923.

The health of the district has been good in spite of the poor summer we have had.

Two Schools have been closed for measles. There have been odd cases of scarlet fever from time to time, but no epidemic. The cases have mostly been imported. Tong Park School was closed to prevent the spread of scarlet fever.

In view of the prevalence of Small-pox in the West Riding the Council decided during the year to add Chicken-pox to the list of notifiable diseases. The sanction of the Ministry of Health to this being obtained.

Birth-Rate.—There have been 104 births registered during the year, 57 Males and 47 Females; 3 illegitimate (1 Male and 2 Females). This is at the rate of 15.5 per 1,000 births, the birth rate for England and Wales being 19.7 per 1,000.

Death-Rate.—There have been 84 deaths during the year, 45 Males and 39 Females, 67 have died in the district and 17 outside. There have been 31 over 60 years and upwards. This is a death rate of 12.6 per 1,000. The death rate for England and Wales is 11.6.

Infantile Deaths.—There have been 6 deaths of Infants under one year of age which is equal to a rate of 57.5 per 1,000. The death rate for England and Wales under one year of age is 69 per 1,000 births.

Infectious Diseases—There has been an epidemic of measles during the year, but as measles is not notifiable in the district there is no record of the numbers. There have been 6 cases of Diphtheria, 27 cases of Scarlet Fever, and 6 cases of Erysipelas.

Notifiable Diseases during the Year.

DISEASE.			Total Cases.	Admitted to Hospital.			Total Deaths.
Diphtheria	...	...	6	...	6	...	None.
Scarlet Fever	...	...	27	...	25	...	None.
Erysipelas	...	...	6	...	...	...	None.
Tuberculosis	...	...		...	...	...
Pulmonary	...	...		...	...	...
Non-Pulmonary	...	...		...	...	...
Ophthalmia	...	...	None.	...	...	...
Chicken-pox	...	...	None.	...	...	...

Vital Statistics.

		Total.	M.	F.		
Births	{ Legitimate	104	57	47	Birth-Rate	15.5
	{ Illegitimate	3	1	2		
Deaths	... ..	84	45	39	Death-Rate	12.6
Number of women dying in, or in consequence of child birth					From Sepsis nil. „ other causes, 1	
Death of Infants under 1 year per 1,000 births					...	6
Legitimate, 6 ; Illegitimate, none ; Total,					6.	
Deaths from Measles (all ages)					... ..	1
,, ,, Whooping Cough (all ages)					... ..	nil.
,, ,, Diarrhoea (under 2 years)					... ..	1

Nursing.—The District Nurse (Miss Brown) has been very much in demand. The patients having got over the prejudice of having a stranger to attend to them, and having once had her services, do not hesitate to ask for her again. She has paid 1,764 visits and attended 12 operations during the year.

Clinics.—The Maternity and Child Welfare centre has been well attended, and an increasing number of school children have been in attendance. The Teachers at all the schools are helping by sending cases for observation.

Hospital.—The hospital accommodation is still the same as last year.

Water Supply.—There has been no shortage of water except in the West Lane district where it has been short from time to time.

Samples have been taken and sent for analysis and in all cases found to be good and free from contamination.

I submit a sample analysis of the Town's water made by F. W. Richardson, Esq., the County Analyst :—

Total Solid Matters	...	...	7.00
Chlorine (combined)	...	...	.50
Nitrites	...	...	None
Nitrogen as Nitrates	...	...	None.
Free Ammonia	...	...	None
Albuminoid Ammonia	...	...	.0007
Lead	...	...	None.
Total Hardness (Clark's Scale)			4.00

This is water of the very highest organic purity.

(Being also very soft, it is one of the purest and best waters for drinking and domestic purposes.)

I was very sorry that the voting on the water Bill was against it, as we must have a better supply if houses continue to be built.

I would again draw the attention of the Council to the need for some system of filtering the water.

Sanitary Administration.—The Bake-Houses (6), have been inspected and found to be in a satisfactory condition. The Slaughter Houses (2) have been visited and found to be clean and well kept. There are still cases of slaughtering taking place in unregistered premises. The cowsheds have been inspected and found to be clean and well kept, except in a few cases where whitewashing was not carried out systematically.

The factories and workshops (36) have been visited.

There are still some closets in Lane End district that want converting into water closets and connecting up with the sewer.

I am very pleased to report that a beginning has at last been made in converting the closets in Tong Park district into W.C.'s, and I hope that the good work will be continued during the coming year.

I am sorry to report that there are still seven houses in Tong Park without a supply of water laid into the houses, the supply having to be carried from a tap out in the street.

I am pleased to report that the number of defective spouts, gullies, fall pipes and defective roofs have been greatly reduced, but there is still room for improvement.

Fall pipes reported, 103.

Smoke.—The smoke nuisance has been worse than ever during the past year, and I am hoping that the Council will take drastic measures to abate it, as complaints are of no use.

Closet Accommodation.—

No. of	Privies with open Middens	...	3
„	Pail or Tub Closets	... ..	24
„	Privies with covered Middens		123
„	W.C.'s	... ..	1063
„	Waste Water Closets	... ..	34

No. of Privies re-constructed during 1923 :—

(a) as W.C's	...	...	24
(b) other	...	...	nil.

„ additional Closets provided for old property in 1923 :—

(a) W.C.'s	...	...	nil.
(b) other	...	...	nil.

„ Closets constructed during 1923 for new houses :—

(a) W.C's	...	...	54
(b) other	...	...	nil.

Scavenging.

This work is performed by the Council.

No. of loads to (a) Destructor	...	...	72
(b) Tips	...	...	2152
(c) Farmers	...	...	nil.
Total annual cost	...	...	£904

Nuisance Inspections.

Total number of Inspections made in 1923 for nuisances only	...	...	29
Nuisances reported in 1923	...	...	29
Nuisances in hand at end of 1922	...	...	nil.
Total needing abating	...	...	29
Abated during 1923...	...	...	26
Outstanding 1923	...	...	3

Notices served, Informal	4	Complied with	4
„ „ Statutory	25	„	22
Total number of summonses or legal proceedings, nil.			

Milk Supply.

No. of Cow-keepers in district	...	30
No. registered	... ..	30
No. of Retail Milk Sellers who are also Cow-keepers	... ..	30
No. who are Milk Retailers only		9
Total No. of Milk Sellers registered		39
Total No. of Cowsheds	... ..	30
Total No. of Inspections	... ..	30

Smoke Observations.

No. of Smoke Observations taken		10
No. of Cautions	10
Legal Proceedings	nil.

I am, yours obediently,

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L.R.C.P., M.R.C.S.

Medical Officer of Health.

Enfield, Baildon,

April 15th, 1924.

Housing Conditions

Year ending 31st December, 1923.

General Statistics.

Area (acres)	2605
Population (1923)	6627
No. of inhabited houses (1923)	2001
Average No. of persons per house	3.3
No. of families or separate occupiers (1923) ...	2030
Rateable Value	£55,573
Sum represented by 1d. Rate	£191

Housing.

Number of new houses erected during the year :—

(a) Total	54
(b) As part of a Municipal Housing Scheme	nil.

1. Unfit dwelling-houses :—

Inspection (1) Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health Acts)	41
(2) Number of dwelling-houses which were inspected and recorded under the Housing (Inspection of District) Regulations, 1910	33

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| (3) Number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation | | 2 |
| (4) Number of dwelling-houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-heading) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation | ... .. | 4 |

2. Remedy of defects without service of formal notices :—

Number of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers	nil.
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3. Action under Statutory Powers :—

A. Proceedings under section 28 of the Housing, Town Planning, etc., Act, 1919.

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| (1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs | | nil. |
| (2) Number of dwelling-houses which were rendered fit | ... .. |  |
| (a) By Owners | ... .. | 4 |
| (b) By Local Authority in default of owners | ... .. | nil. |
| (3) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Closing Orders became operative in pursuance of declarations by Owners of intention to close... | | 2 |

B. Proceedings under Public Health Acts.

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| (1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied | | nil. |
| (2) Number of dwelling-houses in which defects were remedied :— | | |
| (a) By Owners | ... .. | 4 from 1922 |
| (b) By Local Authority in default of owners | ... .. | nil. |

C. Proceedings under sections 17 and 18 of the Housing, Town Planning, etc., Act, 1909.

(1) Number of representations made with a view to the making of Closing Orders	2
(2) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Closing Orders were made	2
(3) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the dwelling house having been rendered fit	nil.
(4) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made	nil
(5) Number of Dwelling-houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders	nil

